

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



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GREETINGS

From the Program Director: Kathy Gray

The Spring Session TTW taught by the new LVKC Tutor Trainer Lauren Rathbun was a success! LVKC is proud to welcome five new tutors from the spring 2016 Tutor Training Workshop. Our Fall Tutor Training Session starts in October. Call to register!

It has been awfully hot, but LVKC and the Library Foundation have made a few stabs at sorting donations for the **November Book Sale**.



East Greenwich Group Conversation Lead ELL Tutor Marjory Myers enjoyed a delicious American farewell breakfast with her class to say goodbye to Jin and her daughter just before their return to China. Bon Voyage!



Come to Club Jogues to share some laughs with the **Funny 4 Fund\$** comedians on September 30, 2016. If you would like to be an event sponsor or donate an item for the raffle, please do! Be sure to get your tickets soon because this event is going to sell out! Tickets are \$25. **The sidesplitting (idiom-teachable moment students and tutors 😊) Billy Simas will be the headliner of 3 comedic acts.** There will be good food, great prizes, and cheap drinks so don't miss out on all the fun =)

**Please Join LVKC for a Laugh
Friday ~ September 30, 2016
Club Jogues ~ 184 Boston St.
6 - 10 p.m.**

Chambers' Twentieth Century Dictionary
adj] Side-splitting affecting the sides
convulsively, as in boisterous laughter

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON: *CANDITA GERZEVITZ LVKC TUTOR*

How long have you been Volunteering for LVKC and why is literacy important to you?

I have been a volunteer tutor for LVKC since 2002. Life has taught that literacy is the key to education, and education is a key to opportunity and self-fulfillment.

What has been your most challenging experience with LVKC and/or your most rewarding?

One rewarding experience occurred with my first student, who was a basic learner. Near the end of our time together, she decided to visit her sister in New Jersey. She took a bus unaccompanied, connecting in New York. She was able to read bus station signs and communicate clearly with strangers to achieve her goal and arrived at her destination safely. Back in Rhode Island, her devoted husband worried about her big adventure, but she had self-confidence. (Later she volunteered as a chaplain's assistant in a nursing home.)

Have you learned anything about yourself from volunteering?

My students teach me lessons about courage and perseverance. Coincidentally - or maybe not coincidentally - all of them show remarkable love and consideration for others, and they are very smart. I am learning to never give up.

What do you do when you are not volunteering?

Besides enjoying retirement for the past two years, I babysit my granddaughter frequently. She is three years old, a bundle of energy, and a joy in my life. I have been active in my church community and work part-time as an independent contractor doing copyediting and consulting for a not-for-profit membership association that publishes peer-reviewed journals.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about volunteering?

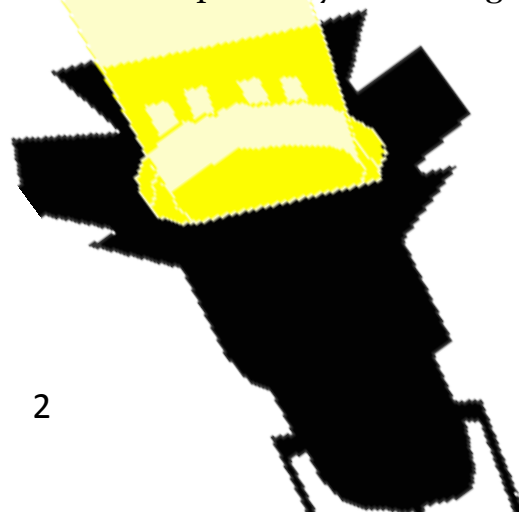
The needs are great, and the rewards are many. Try it.

Do you speak any other languages and did you pick them up at LVKC?

I have been busy focusing on English and do not speak any other languages.

What are you reading now?

The Sound of Glass by Karen White is a complex story with wonderful characters. After reading the book recently, I am now rereading it.

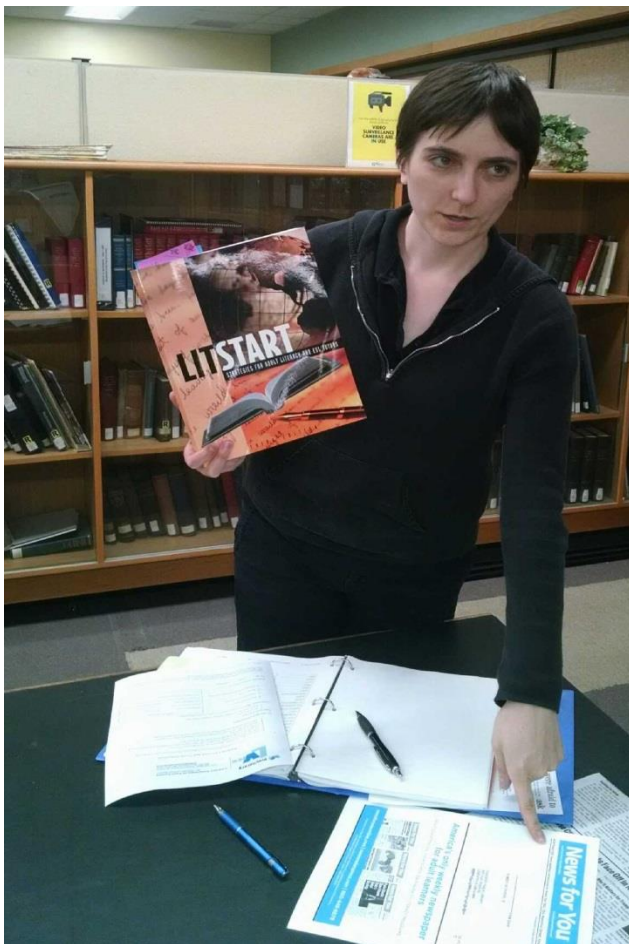


TUTOR NEWS

Please extend a warm welcome to our new tutors!



Marion Gaydos, Jennifer Washburn, Judith Bollwage, Trainer Lauren Rathbun, and Helen Lambiase.
Missing: Pam DeMelim



The 2016 Spring Tutor Training Session was Lauren Rathbun's debut as the instructor of our most recent Tutor Training Workshop. She was well prepared by the training that ProLiteracy provides and by having apprenticed under the tutelage of LVKC Trainer Stephanie Eddleston. As always, LVKC trainers use the **LitStart** book from New Reader's Press alongside our training manual, and promote *News For You* as a reliable learning tool. The LitStart books were purchased through a grant we received from the National Book Fund.

This is an excellent resource for our ELL students. It has a visual display in both relevant languages and audio for pronunciation and listening skills development.

MANGO Languages

Go to the **Coventry Public Library Website**
www.Coventrylibrary.org

Drop down on **Reading Research & Technology**

Click on **Research** → Click on **Databases**

Scroll down to **AskRI** → Scroll down to **Mango**

Set up **Profile** → **Learn and have fun!**

FREE ON **Coventry Public Library** WEBSITE



RI's leading resource for volunteerism & community service



Serve Rhode Island honored LVKC Tutors Evelyne Kokolsky and Donna Miller during National Volunteer Week. They were also nominated for the Governor's Jefferson Award. The celebration featured volunteer stories that demonstrate the power of volunteerism in our communities.



REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2016 GROUP ELL CONVERSATION CLASS

Fall Session Begins
September 12, 2016

Two Locations

"Start Here!" is a program of the East Greenwich Free Library, Coventry Public Library and Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. This small-group ELL program is designed to serve adult students, 18 or older. This conversational, task-oriented program helps students maximize their English speaking skills and is free to participants.

"Start Here!" students meet for one and a half hours per week. Class size is limited to ten. **FREE!**

Coventry Public Library Annex Room

Mondays 10:00 a.m.
1675 Flat River Road,
Coventry, RI

East Greenwich Free Library

Mondays 11:00 a.m.
80 Peirce Street
East Greenwich, RI

Call 822-9103 to Register

Tutor Training



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2016 Fall Tutor Training Schedule To register call: 822-9103

FREE ONLINE Prerequisite Classes at www.proliteracyednet.org/
Principles of Adult Learning & Working With Adult Literacy Learners

Prior to taking the Tutor Training Workshop (TTW), prospective tutors must take 2 required classes on line at www.proliteracyednet.org/ . These free classes are Called *Principles of Adult Learning* and *Working with Adult Literacy Learners*. Upon completion, prospective tutors will be provided with certifications which they will submit with their registration to the TTW. Tutor training is then conducted in a series of workshops totaling 15 hours in a classroom setting. Midway through training, volunteers are matched with students so that they may experience the tutoring process and receive guidance as needed. At the conclusion of training, tutors are certified.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 * 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Coventry Public Library

Thursday, October 20, 2016 * 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Coventry Public Library

Thursday, October 27, 2016 * 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Coventry Public Library

Thursday, November 3, 2016 * 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Coventry Public Library

Thursday, December 8, 2016 * 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Coventry Public Library



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Friday, September 30, 2016

Club Jogues

184 Boston Street | Coventry, RI 02816

Doors open at 6:00pm | Show starts at 7:00pm

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CASH BAR AVAILABLE
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Tickets \$25.00 each

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Kathy or Robin: 401-822-9103

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2016 3rd Annual Race for Reading 5K Run

By Kathy Gray

The Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club held its annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday June 4th at the Coventry Public Library. This year the Rotary Club proudly welcomed the West Greenwich - Louttit and the West Warwick Public Libraries as community partners for this event.



*And the winner of the Run for Reading sponsored by the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary is none other than bib #900 Connor Dietzel! Connor is flanked by #480 Bob Dietzel, #400 Jason Bouchard, and their fans. Woot, woot!!! The second place overall was lucky #500 Harold Soucier (below)who said "...that kid came out of nowhere!" **Great big thank you to Rotary.***



It was **HOT!** I worked up a major sweat trying to keep up with LVKC Board Member Stephanie Eddleston's and Louttit Library Director Annette Feldman's powerwalking. Coventry Public Library Director Lynn Blanchette passed out t-shirts, people turned out and everyone had a good time for a good cause. Anna Mae Lapinski, from the library foundation, and I gathered donations for the prizes for the event. Andrea Hopkins and other members of the foundation helped Race Directors Tarah Warner & Zachery Whittenberger and the Rotary Club gather event sponsors.

MACARONS FROM SCRATCH

BY QUINGE (KARA) LI

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Macarons came from France in 1792. They're getting more popular around the world. They are common at parties. Children like them very much and adults do too. Today I am going to share a recipe that I made from scratch.

Ingredients:

1 cup almond flour
1 2/3 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup white sugar
2 large egg whites
1/4 cup green tea powder

Chocolate Filling:

3/4 cup solid chocolate (chopped)
1/4 cup unsalted butter
3/4 cup heavy cream

First, I used a scale to measure the right amount of dry ingredients. You can see that I converted the metric weight measurements to cups because recipes in America don't use the metric system.

After that, we need two egg whites. Using an electric whisk, pour the sugar into the egg whites a bit at a time until the egg whites are frothy. Sift the almond flour, powdered sugar and green tea powder into the egg whites bowl. Fold the ingredients together gently.

Spoon the mixture into a pastry bag. If you don't have a pastry bag, cut the corner of a baggy. Pipe the ingredients onto the parchment paper in rounds. Let them sit for half an hour until the tops are firm and not sticky. (the top is hard)



Preheat the oven to 280 °F degrees or 140 °C degrees. Bake them for 10-15 minutes. Let them cool down on a baking sheet before you fill them. Make the filling while you are waiting for the macarons to cool. Pour the heavy cream in the pan and heat the cream slowly; be careful not to boil it. Add the chocolate and butter and stir that until smooth. Cool completely and sandwich the macarons with chocolate filling.

Hope everyone enjoys them, my first attempt was a flop. My second attempt was a hit. My family all loved them, and all gave me a **thumbs up !!!**



Quinge Li, aka Kara Li, came to the US at the age of 21 just over 2 years ago barely speaking a word of English. She moved in with relatives and started working at a restaurant right away. Since then, she's been working with her Tutor Mary Key and has made phenomenal strides speaking and reading and writing English!!

STUDENT WRITING

ELSA'S VACATION

By Yuping Zhen

On July 4th, we just stayed at home, and Elsa said, "I want to go swimming." Elsa's dad took the pool downstairs and filled it with the air. She was very happy. She finished the swimming. We went to the Four Season Restaurant to have dinner together. The food is very good. And Elsa liked it very much. She said, "I want to have dinner here every day, Dad." And Dad said, "Sure but you must go here by yourself, because Daddy and Mommy are very busy. So do you want to drive the car or walk to here?" And Elsa said, "I want to drive the car, Daddy. Walking is so tiring. And I don't have a license." Dad said, "Why don't you get it?" Elsa said, "No small car for me. I'm 4. No car for 4 years old girl." Dad said, "Oh. So you must eat more and grow up quickly and you can have a license and drive it, ok?" Elsa said, "Ok Daddy, but I ate more already today."

After dinner, we went home. Elsa watched the ipad. And Daddy watched TV. I cleaned the house. Elsa and Daddy were having fun. And I was very tired. But everybody was very happy.



BIOGRAPHIES OF COURAGE INSPIRE!

Through a grant from the National Book Fund LVKC purchased a book series titled **The Activist & Acts of Courage**. This series has been very well received by our tutors and students and its addition has enhanced our program. Our basic literacy adult collection was desperate for updating and these biographies have made history accessible to the readers and sparked so much interest. I had not expected them to be such a hit!

LVKC student Lori (left) has been reading about local American history and social activism. She and her tutor Judy went on a field trip to the Nathanael Greene House Revolutionary War reenactment this past May. She completely enjoyed reading this series. Her favorite biography from the Activist series was a the Nelson Mandela story.

"I think that the program has increased my reading skills and my awareness of American history, and social issues. It also improved my work skills because I am better at taking my tests at work," says Lori.



STUDENT ARTWORK

NOT ONLY DID OUR STUDENT JANE Q. PENG
WIN PICTURE OF THE DAY,
THAT PICTURE TOOK THE WEEKLY PRIZE, AS WELL!!!
BRAVO JANE!

Pic of the Week Winner: March 7-11
Eyewitness News this Morning at 7 a.m. on Fox Providence



Here are 3 more wintry photos from Jane that will cool you off just by looking at them on these steamy summer days.

